

## Department of Veterans Affairs

836.575

date of receipt has been established and indicated on the notice to proceed.

### Subpart 836.5—Contract Clauses

#### 836.500 Scope of subpart.

(a) The clauses and provisions prescribed in this subpart are set forth for use in fixed-price construction contracts in addition to those in FAR Subpart 52.2.

(b) Additional clauses and provisions not inconsistent with those in FAR subparts 36.5 and 52.2 and those prescribed in this subpart are authorized when determined necessary or desirable by the contracting officer, and when approved as provided in subpart 801.4.

(c) Clauses and provisions that differ from those contained in FAR subparts 36.5 and 52.2 and this subpart, but considered essential to the procurement of VA requirements, shall not be used unless the deviation procedure set forth in subpart 801.4 has been complied with.

#### 836.501 Performance of work by the contractor.

The contracting officer shall insert the clause at 852.236-72, Performance of work by the contractor, in solicitations and contracts for construction that contain the FAR clause at 52.236-1, Performance of Work by the Contractor. When the solicitations or contracts include a section entitled "Network Analysis System (NAS)," the contracting officer must use the clause with its Alternate I.

#### 836.513 Accident prevention.

The contracting officer must insert the clause at 852.236-87, Accident Prevention, in solicitations and contracts for construction that contain the clause at FAR 52.236-13, Accident Prevention.

#### 836.521 Specifications and drawings for construction.

The contracting officer shall insert the clause at 852.236-71, Specifications and drawings for construction, in solicitations and contracts for construction that include the FAR clause at 52.236-21, Specifications and Drawings for Construction.

#### 836.570 Correspondence.

The contracting officer shall insert the clause at 852.236-76, Correspondence, in solicitations and contracts for construction expected to exceed the micro-purchase threshold for construction (currently \$2,000).

#### 836.571 Reference to "standards."

The contracting officer shall insert the clause at 852.236-77, Reference to "standards," in solicitations and contracts for construction expected to exceed the micro-purchase threshold for construction.

#### 836.572 Government supervision.

The contracting officer shall insert the clause at 852.236-78, Government supervision, in solicitations and contracts for construction expected to exceed the micro-purchase threshold for construction.

#### 836.573 Daily report of workers and materials.

The contracting officer shall insert the clause at 852.236-79, Daily report of workers and materials, in solicitations and contracts for construction expected to exceed the simplified acquisition threshold. The contracting officer may, when in the best interest of the Government, insert the clause in solicitations and contracts for construction when the contract amount is expected to be at or below the simplified acquisition threshold.

#### 836.574 Subcontracts and work coordination.

The contracting officer shall insert the clause at 852.236-80, Subcontracts and work coordination, in solicitations and contracts for construction expected to exceed the micro-purchase threshold for construction. When the solicitations or contracts are for new construction work with complex mechanical-electrical work, the contracting officer may use the clause with its Alternate I.

#### 836.575 Schedule of work progress.

The contracting officer shall insert the clause at 852.236-84, Schedule of

**836.576**

work progress, in solicitations and contracts for construction that are expected to exceed the micro-purchase threshold for construction and that do not contain a section entitled "Network Analysis System (NAS)."

**836.576 Supplementary labor standards provisions.**

The contracting officer shall insert the clause at 852.236-85, Supplementary labor standards provisions, in solicitations and contracts for construction that are expected to exceed the micro-purchase threshold for construction.

**836.577 Workers' compensation.**

The contracting officer shall insert the clause at 852.236-86, Workers' compensation, in solicitations and contracts for construction that are expected to exceed the micro-purchase threshold for construction.

**836.578 Changes—supplement.**

(a) The contracting officer shall insert the clause at 852.236-88, Contract changes—supplement, in solicitations and contracts for construction that are expected to exceed the micro-purchase threshold for construction. (This section has been promulgated as a deviation from the FAR as provided in 801.4.)

(b) When negotiated changes exceed \$500,000, paragraph (a) of the clause at 852.236-88 will apply. Because paragraph (a) does not provide ceiling rates for indirect expenses, the contractor must furnish cost breakdowns and other supporting data on its rates for indirect expenses as part of its price proposal. The contracting officer must negotiate the rates for indirect expenses with the contractor and may request an audit in accordance with FAR 15.404-2.

(c) When the negotiated change will be \$500,000 or less, paragraph (b) of the clause at 852.236-88 will apply. Because the indirect cost rates in paragraph (b) of the clause at 852.236-88 are ceiling rates, the contracting officer must negotiate indirect expense rates within the ceiling limitations.

**836.579 Special notes.**

The contracting officer shall insert the clause at 852.236-91, Special notes,

**48 CFR Ch. 8 (10-1-14 Edition)**

in solicitations and contracts for construction that are expected to exceed the micro-purchase threshold for construction.

**Subpart 836.6—Architect-Engineer Services****836.602 Selection of firms for architect-engineer contracts.****836.602-1 Selection criteria.**

(a) In addition to the evaluation criteria set forth in FAR 36.602-1, the evaluation board must consider the factors set forth in paragraph (b) of this section as they apply to the project or purpose of the selection. Values must be assigned to each factor in determining the relative qualifications of the firms identified as qualified through the pre-selection process. The board may adjust the assigned values after its discussions.

(b) The following factors must be considered:

(1) Reputation and standing of the firm and its principal officials with respect to professional performance, general management, and cooperativeness.

(2) Record of significant claims against the firm because of improper or incomplete architectural and engineering services.

(3) Specific experience and qualifications of personnel proposed for assignment to the project and their record of working together as a team.

**836.602-2 Evaluation boards.**

(a) The Director, Office of Construction and Facilities Management, shall appoint an evaluation board to select architect-engineer contractors for Office of Construction and Facilities Management projects. The Director, Office of Construction and Facilities Management, shall appoint an evaluation board to select architect-engineer contractors for National Cemetery Administration projects. The facility or VISN director, as appropriate, shall appoint an evaluation board to select architect-engineer contractors for field facility projects.

(b) The Director, A/E Evaluation and Program Support Service, will chair the evaluation board for Office of Construction and Facilities Management